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Sen. Stamas introduces legislation to give teachers tax relief for the purchase of classroom supplies

LANSING – Legislation designed to provide teachers with tax relief was introduced in the Michigan Senate Tuesday by state Sen. Tony Stamas, R-Midland.

“Teachers are on the frontline of our education system,” Stamas said. “They work so hard providing our children with the best education possible. The state budget is tight and all across Michigan schools have had to cut their budgets. When that happens teachers dig into their own pockets to buy the necessary supplies their students need.”

The Stamas legislation would allow teachers to claim a \$100 tax credit on their taxes after they spend a minimum of \$100 on supplies for their school or classroom.

Classroom supplies include items such as books for teacher or student use, books on tape, videotapes, computer programs, art supplies, science and lab equipment, tape recorders and headphones.

“Teachers who spend their own money to make sure their students have what they need should receive tax relief for it,” Stamas said. “This is the least we can do to help lessen the burden for them.”

Senate Bill 977 has been referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

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